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Applicant : JOHN MONTMINY ET AL.

Title : THREADED CONNECTION FOR CARBON AND/OR GRAPHITE
ELECTRODE COLUMNS

6 sheets of drawings.

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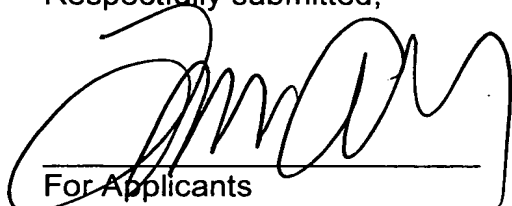


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